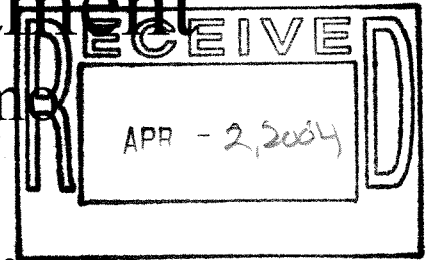


Acton Police Department

InterDepartmental Memo



From: Frank J. Widmayer, Chief of Police

Date: April 2, 2004

To: Don Johnson, Town Manager

Subj: Cops in Schools Grant Program

I have received notification that we are eligible for the next round of Community Policing Funds, specifically the 2004 Cops in Schools Program. There is approximately \$60 million dollars available as part of this funding. The grant requirements are exactly the same as the prior grant we obtained in 2003. That is, \$125k per officer for a three year funding period and a one year retention requirement after the grant period ends.

If you and the Board of Selectmen are in favor of this grant I need to know as soon as possible in order to write the grant. The School Committee also needs to give their approval for the funding and the grant must be submitted by May 17, 2004.

The present grant program is working out very well. I believe this proposal may have more support than the last request now that people have seen the benefits firsthand. The need is there in the schools and having additional officers helps me provide a greater level of public safety to the rest of the town.

I am recommending that we request funding for two officers in the amount of \$250k.

Frank J. Widmayer
Chief of Police

CC: BOS -

THE BOARD IS AWARE OF
THE PROS AND CONS OF THIS
PROGRAM. DO YOU WISH TO
PURSUE ANOTHER ROUND?

CC: FRANK WIDMAYER

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